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February 10, 2015

The Honorable Board of Supervisors  
County of Los Angeles  
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration  
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**APPROVAL OF THE 2015 JOINT LAW ENFORCEMENT OPERATIONS TASK  
FORCE FUNDING OBLIGATION DOCUMENT FOR CONTINUED PARTICIPATION IN  
THE PACIFIC SOUTHWEST REGIONAL FUGITIVE TASK FORCE  
(ALL DISTRICTS) (3 VOTES)**

**SUBJECT**

The Los Angeles County (County) Sheriff's Department (Department) seeks approval of the 2015 Joint Law Enforcement Operations Task Force Funding Obligation Document (Funding Obligation Document) for continued participation on the Pacific Southwest Regional Fugitive Task Force (RFTF) funded by the United States Marshals Service (USMS).

**IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:**

1. Delegate authority to the Sheriff to execute the attached Funding Obligation Document for Fiscal Year (FY) 2015 funding reimbursement of overtime costs in the amount not to exceed \$154,800 for the period of performance from October 1, 2014, through September 30, 2015.
2. Delegate authority to the Sheriff to sign and execute all amendments and modifications to the Funding Obligation Document, as necessary, for the effective participation on the RFTF.

**PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION**

On February 11, 2014, the Board approved the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with USMS for participation on the RFTF and approved the Funding Obligation Document for the 2014 Federal FY in the amount of \$417,000. The Department now seeks approval of the Funding Obligation Document for the 2015 Federal FY in the amount of \$154,800. The decrease in funding for the 2015

Federal FY is due to a reduction in Department investigators from 32 to 15 who provide full-time support to USMS RFTF. The terms of the MOU remain the same.

The Department would like to continue participation on the USMS supervised multi-jurisdictional and multi-agency task force that investigates and arrests persons who have active State and Federal warrants. The purpose of the RFTF is to combine the efforts of Federal, State, and local law enforcement agencies to locate and apprehend the most dangerous fugitives and assist in high profile investigations. The Department will receive reimbursement for overtime costs incurred by Department personnel who provide full-time support to the RFTF.

Each participating agency agrees to refer cases for investigation to the RFTF. Cases will be adopted by the RFTF at the discretion of the RFTF Commander, and in accordance with the provision of the Presidential Threat Protection Act, the Adam Walsh Child Protection and Safety Act, and the United States Department of Justice. Targeted cases will primarily include violent crimes against persons, weapon offenses, felony drug offenses, failure to register as a sex offender, and crimes committed by subjects who have a criminal history involving violent crimes, felony drug offenses, and/or weapons offenses. The RFTF may also assist non-participating law enforcement agencies in investigating, locating, and arresting their fugitives. Task force personnel will be assigned Federal, State, and local fugitive cases for investigation. Investigative teams will consist of personnel from different agencies whenever possible. Each participating agency retains responsibility for the cases they refer to the RFTF.

### **Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals**

Approval of the Funding Obligation Document relates to the County's Strategic Plan, Goal 3, Integrated Services Delivery. This continued participation in RFTF leverages resources from the Department and USMS to enhance public safety service throughout the County.

### **FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING**

The Department will recover any overtime salary costs and other costs, with prior USMS approval, including but not limited to travel, fuel, training, and equipment directly related to work performed for the purpose of conducting an official investigation as part of the RFTF. USMS will pay Federal funds in the amount not to exceed \$154,800 for the 2015 Federal FY to defray the Department's overtime costs associated with the RFTF program. Reimbursement claims for expenses will be submitted monthly.

### **FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS**

The MOU for participation on the RFTF was approved by the Board on February 11, 2014, and continues indefinitely. Participating agencies may withdraw their participation in RFTF after providing 30 days advance written notice to the RFTF Commander. All Department personnel assigned to the RFTF shall comply with the Department's guidelines concerning the use of firearms, deadly force, and less-lethal devices. Each agency shall be responsible for the acts or omissions of its employees.

The Funding Obligation Document identifies the specific dollar amount allocated to the Department under the MOU for the 2015 Federal FY. Pursuant to the Funding Obligation Document, the

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Department may receive reimbursement in an amount not to exceed \$154,800 for Department overtime costs for the period of performance from October 1, 2014, to September 30, 2015.

Board approval is required for this Funding Obligation Document as the amount exceeds the authority previously delegated by the Board to the Sheriff on May 16, 2000.

The attached Funding Obligation Document has been approved as to form by County Counsel.

**IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)**

None. The Department will provide the personnel and resources required for participation on the RFTF.

**CONCLUSION**

Upon Board approval, it is requested that the Clerk of the Board return one original adopted Board letter to the Department's Contract Law Enforcement Bureau.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jim McDonnell". The signature is stylized with a large, looping initial "J" and a cursive "McDonnell".

JIM McDONNELL

Sheriff

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Enclosures

Joint Law Enforcement Operations Task Force  
Obligation Document

INSTRUCTIONS: See last page for detailed instructions.

SECTION 1: OBLIGATION

DOCUMENT CONTROL #: JLEO-15-0043

SECTION 2: PARTICIPATING AGENCIES

Notification to state and local agencies of funding provided in support of Joint Law Enforcement Operations, pursuant to the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between:

Los Angeles County Sheriff's Office

and

PSWRFTF

All other terms and conditions of the MOU remain the same.

SECTION 3: PERIOD OF PERFORMANCE

October 1, 2014 to September 30, 2015

SECTION 4: APPROPRIATION DATA

FISCAL YEAR	ORGANIZATION	FUND	PROJECT	SOC / PURPOSE	DOLLAR AMOUNT
2015	A3401	AFF-B-OP	JLEOTFS1	25302 - TFO Overtime	\$154,800.00
Total Obligation Amount:					\$154,800.00

SECTION 5: DESCRIPTION OF OBLIGATION

SECTION 6: CONTACT INFORMATION

DISTRICT/RFTF CONTACT:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

STATE/LOCAL CONTACT:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

SECTION 7: AUTHORIZATION

USMS Representative - Certification of Funds:

Signature: Kimberly Grunett Date: 1/30/2015  
Kimberly Grunett, Chief, DIB Financial Management

Chief Deputy or RFTF Commander - Obligation Approval:

Signature: Jeff Tyler Date: 1/30/2015  
Jeff Tyler, Chief, Domestic Investigations Branch

Departmental Representative - Acknowledgement:

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_